



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Dear Prospective Service Academy Candidate,

I'm privileged to nominate outstanding young residents of Pennsylvania's 4th Congressional District to the United States Service Academies. Each member of Congress, as well as the Vice President, is allowed five appointees in each Academy per year. For each of those vacancies, I'm permitted to nominate no more than ten young men or women.

Each academy, with the exception of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, requires a Congressional Nomination for admission. If you wish to be considered for a nomination, please complete this application packet. Due to the large number of applicants, all application materials must be received by my office no later than **October 1, 2014**.

Throughout the fall, I'll interview top candidates as part of the nomination selection process. Please understand that an application for a Nomination and an application for an Appointment are two different processes required for admission. Please visit each academy's website to start your appointment application.

Remember, the application process to a service academy is lengthy, so please don't delay! Also please be aware that receiving a Congressional Nomination does not guarantee your acceptance to an academy; the final decision for appointments are made by the individual Academies.

If you have questions throughout this process, please contact our York office at 717-600-1919 for assistance. I commend you for your interest in serving our country and wish you well in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Perry", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

SCOTT PERRY
Member of Congress
4th District, Pennsylvania

Tips for Success

Congressman Scott Perry (PA-04)

Contact Each Academy Early

Contact each academy in which you're interested through their websites as soon as possible to complete the pre-candidate questionnaire. Before your interview, you must already have applied to each academy for which you want to be considered. If you initially qualify, the Academy(ies) will send you application materials. Each service academy begins to evaluate applications in early September of the senior year of high school.

Know the Academies

Spend some time getting to know the Academies' purpose, history, lifestyles, opportunities and Honor Code. If possible, set up a personal tour by contacting the admissions office or taking a virtual tour on their website(s). Academy summer programs are additional opportunities available to high school students. Once again, more information may be found at each academy's website.

SAT/ACT Tests—Take Early

You're strongly encouraged to start taking these tests in the spring of your junior year. Because the academies use test scores as a primary method of evaluating candidates, you should retake these tests several times to achieve the highest score possible. For more information concerning SAT/ACT tests and schedules, visit their websites:

SAT: www.collegeboard.com

ACT: www.actstudent.org

The website www.March2Success.com is a free ACT/SAT prep tool provided by the Army and available to all students regardless of whether they're interested in military service.

Meet Application Deadlines

Due to the large number of applicants, you must ensure your applications are completed by the due dates. Deadlines for nomination, academy and ROTC applications are earlier than other college admission programs, so start the process early.

Seek Nominations from More Than One Source

Due to the competitive nature of the nomination and appointment process, seek as many nominations as possible. Be sure also to contact your Pennsylvania Senators and the Vice President of the United States. Presidential and ROTC nominations have special application requirements and restrictions; visit each Academy's website for details.

Vice President Joseph Biden

The White House
Washington, DC 20501

Senator Robert Casey

22 S. Third Street, Suite 6A
Harrisburg, PA 17101
(717) 231-7540

Senator Patrick Toomey

1150 S. Cedar Crest Blvd
Suite 101
Allentown, PA 18103
(610) 434-1444

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Practice Your Interview Skills

Most applicants have had little or no practice in interviewing for a job/position. Take some time to sit down with a parent, teacher, employer or mentor and have them ask you questions and evaluate your demeanor during the interview. A few practice interviews will go a long way in helping you feel more at ease and communicate more clearly to the Nomination Boards.

Request Letters of Recommendation/Observation

A good letter of recommendation/observation should be from a person with whom you have a professional relationship. The person should be able to write about observed leadership skills, describe your adaptability to pressure situations, and discuss your ability to work with others in a team environment. Choose your "recommender" based more on his/her ability to clearly communicate your abilities, strengths and potential to succeed rather than choosing a person based solely on social standing, position and/or title. Bottom line: the writer should be someone who is familiar with you and can cite specific examples of your abilities, accomplishments and demeanor.

Join Me at 'Academy Night'

Each year I host two 4th Congressional District United States Service Academy Night's. I invite representatives from each academy and ROTC program to meet with interested candidates from across the district.

Don't Give Up!

If your goal is to become a United States military officer, don't give up if you're not selected for an appointment to a service academy. Approximately 25% of the cadets / midshipmen who enter each academy class didn't get in on their first attempt. You can improve your chances by continuing to improve your SAT and ACT test scores, prepare yourself physically for the Candidate Fitness Assessment and take advantage of leadership opportunities.

Also, take a look at the ROTC scholarship programs for each of these services:

U.S. Army ROTC
(888) 944-ARMY
www.goarmy.com/rotc/

U.S. Naval ROTC
(800) NAV-ROTC
www.nrotc.navy.mil

U.S. Air Force ROTC
(866) 4-AFROTC
www.afrotc.com

Instructions for U.S. Service Academy Nominations

Congressman Scott Perry (PA-04)

In order for your nomination application to be complete, you must send items 1 - 5 to the York County District Office (see box below for address) by October 1, 2014:

☐ **1) Complete Application for U.S. Service Academy Nomination**

Type or neatly print your answers on the downloadable application. You will not be able to save your work unless you have Adobe Acrobat. For the essay questions, please limit your responses to 400 words per question.

☐ **2) A recent wallet-size photograph of yourself**

☐ **3) Three letters of recommendation/observation**

You may select either a teacher, principal, employer, member of clergy, coach or scout leader to write a letter of recommendation/observation. Choosing someone who knows you well and has observed you succeed in a leadership position, classroom setting, character building situation or work environment is critical. Therefore, do not ask someone to write a letter of recommendation based upon their accomplishments, but rather, someone who can attest to yours. Attached to this application are three U.S. Service Academy Recommendation Letter forms for you to give out.

☐ **4) Official copy of high school transcript**

Your high school transcripts must show your class rank at the end of your junior year.

☐ **5) Official SAT and/or ACT scores**

If your SAT or ACT report is not included in your official transcript, you must include an official copy of your SAT or ACT report with your application. If you wish to designate for my office to receive your scores directly, please enter the following reporting codes on your test forms:

SAT 2492

ACT 7653

☐ **6) Complete the Update for U.S. Service Academy Nomination form**

Please complete this form with your updated information and bring it with you to my office for your Nomination Interview. This form does not need to be updated by the October 1st deadline.

In mid-October, we will call those candidates with fully-completed nomination applications to schedule a 30 minute interview with my U.S. Service Academy Nomination Board. Remember, only those candidates with completed nomination applications will be called for an interview.

Please call the York County District Office at (717) 600-1919 if you have questions about your nomination application.

Application Deadline

October 1, 2014

To be considered for nominations for the class entering 2014, your complete application must be received at the following address or postmarked by October 1, 2014.

Mail application material to:

Congressman Scott Perry
Attn: U.S. Service Academy Nominations
York County District Office
2209 East Market Street
York, PA 17402

Application for U.S. Service Academy Nominations

Congressman Scott Perry (PA-04)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Legal Name (First Middle Last) _____

Nickname _____

Social Security Number _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Birthday (mm/dd/yy) _____ Age _____ Height _____ Weight _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

EDUCATION

List high schools, prep schools and colleges you have attended or are now attending.

Name of School Currently Attending _____

Graduation Date _____

Telephone Number _____

Class Rank: _____ out of _____ GPA: _____

Name of High School (if currently attending prep/college) _____

Graduation Date _____

Telephone Number _____

Class Rank: _____ out of _____ GPA: _____

LEGAL RESIDENCE or HOME OF RECORD

If your address listed above is not your Legal Residence/Home of Record, please provide it below:

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS

Please provide the highest score you received in each of the individual sections of the tests (individual section scores can come from multiple tests).

Highest Individual SAT Scores

Verbal	Math	Written

Highest ACT Score

Composite

How many times have you taken the SAT? _____

How many times have you taken the ACT? _____

Yes No

☐ ☐ Are you scheduled to retake either the SAT or ACT again?

☐ ☐ Do you plan to retake the SAT or ACT again?

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Congressman Scott Perry (PA-04)

FATHER/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Father's Name

Address (or write 'same as mine')

City State Zip Code

Occupation

Employer

Military Service History

Branch of Service

Years of Service

Highest Rank Achieved

Current Status

MOTHER/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Mother's Name

Address (or write 'same as mine')

City State Zip Code

Occupation

Employer

Military Service History

Branch of Service

Years of Service

Highest Rank Achieved

Current Status

ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER MILITARY SERVICE HISTORY

Do you have any other family members currently serving in the military or are veterans of the armed services?

Name	Relation	Service Branch	Years of Service

ACADEMY PREFERENCE

Indicate your preference in numerical order. **Please only designate the Academy or Academies where you intend to seek an appointment.** Due to the competitive nature of the nomination process, you may receive a nomination to the Academy of your second, third, or fourth choice.

___ U.S. Military Academy

___ U.S. Naval Academy

___ U.S. Air Force Academy

___ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

___ U.S. Coast Guard Academy*

* The U.S. Coast Guard Academy does NOT require a nomination for entry. However, please include the USCGA in your rankings if you are interested in an appointment there.

NOMINATION SOURCES

Please indicate the following additional nomination sources to which you have applied or are applying for. It is highly suggested that you apply for all nomination sources that you are eligible for.

___ President Barack Obama*

___ Vice President Joseph Biden

___ Senator Patrick Toomey

___ Senator Robert Casey

___ JROTC*

* Please visit the Academy's website for information and restrictions concerning Presidential and JROTC nominations.

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NOMINATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Yes No

- | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a Citizen of the United States? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a legal resident of the 4th Congressional District of Pennsylvania? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is one of your parents a legal resident of the 4th Congressional District of Pennsylvania? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you applied for a U.S. Service Academy Nomination before? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are any of your parents or siblings a Disabled Veteran, Missing in Action (MIA) or Killed in Action (KIA)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did one of your parents or siblings attend a Service Academy? If so, which one(s)? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you talked to anyone who has attended a Service Academy? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a recruited athlete at a U.S. Service Academy? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you ever been cited, arrested, convicted or fined for any violation of any law or ordinance? If so please provide details to include date of offense on a separate sheet of paper. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a member of either ROTC or JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you attend a summer program at a Service Academy? If so, which one? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a member of the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a member of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corp? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a member of Civil Air Patrol? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have a Pilot's License or have you received any flight instruction? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you attend Congressman Perry's Academy Night? If so, how did you hear about it? _____ |

ESSAY QUESTIONS

On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following essay questions in 400 words or less. Please format your responses by using Arial font size 12.

1. Why are you applying to a U.S. Service Academy(ies)?
2. If you receive an appointment to your first choice, what will be your greatest challenge at that Academy?
3. Describe an situation that demonstrates your leadership ability.
4. After graduation from your preferred Service Academy, what career fields interest you based upon your research?

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INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS & MARCHING BAND

If you were a team captain or expect to be a team captain, indicate so with the number of years (1, 2, etc.). If needed, additional interscholastic sports, marching band & awards information can be included on a separate sheet of paper.

Sport/Band	Participating Years				# of Varsity Letters	Captain	Awards
	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.			

RECREATIONAL SPORTS

If you were a team captain, indicate so with the number of years (1, 2, etc.). If needed, additional sports and awards information can be included on a separate sheet of paper.

Sport	Participating Years				Captain	Awards
	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.		

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

If your hours/week vary between the summer and school year, please list the job twice and show the hours/week for each of them. If needed, additional employment information can be included on a separate sheet of paper.

Employer	From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	Hours/Week	Responsibilities

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Under Responsibilities include what position you held or are expected to hold as an officer of the club or organizer of the activity. If needed, additional clubs, activities & JROTC information can be included on a separate sheet of paper.

[illegible]

Under **Responsibilities** include whether you were an officer or leader of the organization/activity. If needed, additional community/volunteer activities can be included on a separate sheet of paper.

[illegible]

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SPECIAL AWARDS/HONORS

Under **Description**, please provide any quantifying information you can such as, '1 out of 20', 'top 3%', etc. If you need additional room, please add a separate sheet of paper.

Name of Award/Honor	Year(s) Received				Description
	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.	

OTHER INFORMATION

Is there any additional information you would like Congressman Perry and the Nomination Board to know about you?

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

The information I have provided is correct to the best of my knowledge. I am a U.S. Citizen or will be by July 1, 2014; I am at least 17 but not 23 years of age on July 1, 2014; I am unmarried; not pregnant; have no child support obligation; and I am a legal resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Signature

Date

Military Academy
Naval Academy
Air Force Academy
Merchant Marine Academy
Coast Guard Academy

<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
CR	Comp
Math	
Writing	
Comp	

GPA /

GPA /

**Please include this
page in your
initial application.**

**This page draws
information from
your application if
you fill it out on a
computer.**

**If you complete your
application by hand,
please keep this
page blank.**

U.S. Service Academy Letter of Recommendation/Observation

Congressman Scott Perry (PA-04)

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Name of Applicant (First Middle Last)

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We are looking for candidates of the highest moral character, who have demonstrated strong leadership ability and who readily accept and embrace challenges both academically and physically. As you write your letter, remember the purpose of U.S. Service Academies is to develop future leaders for the U.S. Military. We have reviewed the applicant's academic and athletic achievements and are looking for specific examples of when the applicant has displayed leadership and moral character traits you would expect of a U.S. Military Officer.

Please describe one or two specific examples of when the applicant demonstrated leadership skills or faced a challenging situation that allowed the applicant's character to show. To assist you in identifying examples of leadership and character, we have listed some attributes below:

- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Adaptability
- Teamwork
- Competitive nature
- Initiative
- Respectfulness of authority and difference of opinion
- Helpfulness to others
- Ability to accept criticism

Also, please include the following information in your letter:

- Address the letter to "Congressman Perry"
- Your name, address and contact phone number
- State your relationship to the applicant
- When and where you have observed the applicant
- How long you have known the applicant

The recommendation you make will help us select the best possible candidates from the 4th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. By law, all admissions materials must be shown to a student upon request. Your assistance greatly is appreciated.

Recommendation Deadline

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STOP!

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Bring this page along with any additional material and supporting documentation to the interview.

Additional information/changes not specifically requested below may be annotated on the back of this page.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Legal Name (First Middle Last) _____

Nickname _____

COLLEGE BOARD TESTS UPDATE

Provide the date and scores you received in each of the individual sections of the tests.

Individual SAT Tests

Date	Verbal	Math	Written	Composite

☐ Yes, I am scheduled to take the SAT again.

☐ No, I am not taking the SAT again.

Individual ACT Tests

Date	Composite

☐ Yes, I am scheduled to take the ACT again.

☐ No, I am not taking the ACT again.

NOMINATION APPLICATION STATUS

Under **Status of Application**, annotate as 'Did Not Apply', 'Incomplete', or 'Complete'.

Name	Status of Application
Senator Robert Casey	
Senator Patrick Toomey	
Vice President Joseph Biden	
President Barack Obama*	
JROTC*	

* Application restrictions apply to Presidential and JROTC

ACADEMY APPLICATION STATUS

Rank order only those Academies that you would accept an appointment to. Under **Status of Application**, annotate as 'Not Interested', 'Not Started', 'Incomplete', or 'Complete'.

Name	Rank Order	Status of Application
U.S. Air Force Academy		
U.S. Military Academy		
U.S. Naval Academy		
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy		
U.S. Coast Guard Academy		

ROTC APPLICATION STATUS

Rank order only those ROTC programs you are interested in. Under **Status of Application**, annotate as 'Not Interested', 'Not Started', 'Incomplete', or 'Complete'.

Name	Rank Order	Status of Application
U.S. Air Force ROTC		
U.S. Army ROTC		
U.S. Naval ROTC		
U.S. Naval ROTC (Marine option)		